

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th August 2021



Christ our Anchor

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Gospel Reflection by the late Fr John Thornhill sm



Church's common life, and the way they are applied.

The words of Jesus, in this and similar exchanges, are surprisingly sharp. The issue is far more important than a detail of ritual observance. Those who were leaders in Israel should have been helping the people to live according to the ways of God – so that they would be 'a light to the nations', as the prophets had taught. Instead they had lost sight of Israel's great destiny, and worked against it, in fact, by elaborating a system of self-serving regulations. They have no real concern for the ways of God, Jesus tells them, and he quotes against them the words of Isaiah: 'This people honours me only with lip service, while their hearts are far from me'. Jesus shows himself a true interpreter of Israel's faith as he urges his followers to find integrity through the motives of the heart rather than in the observance of external rituals of purification. No wonder the people followed him so eagerly.

But in what follows – as Jesus departs radically from the provisions of the Old Law concerning foods considered to make a person 'impure' – we recognise that he is conscious of an authority that is above the Law of Moses.

In the second reading we begin to read from the Letter of James. This letter, associated with the name of James 'the brother of Jesus', a leader of the Jerusalem church, gives us a glimpse of the outlook that united the first Jewish converts to faith in Christ. It is very down to earth and practical, filled with the spirit of the Wisdom literature of the Old Testament. And because this literature fosters life in harmony with the ways of God, it illustrates well the spirit Jesus advocates in the gospel. James points to 'the Father of lights', the giver of 'everything that is perfect'; he urges making the message of the 'Word' of God our life standard; and we should honour God especially by our generosity to those in need.

We resume our readings from Mark's gospel. Life in a human community is governed by 'laws and customs', as Moses reminds the people of old Israel in the first reading. These regulations and their interpretation can give rise to confusion; so Moses urges the people to 'add nothing' and 'take nothing from' the law which he gives them in the name of God. We meet the same issue in today's gospel reading: Jesus is being hounded by antagonists – some of whom have come from Jerusalem for the purpose. They resent the fact that the disciples of Jesus 'do not respect the traditions of the elders' and observe ritual purifications. The response of Jesus has an important lesson for every age, as we endeavour to make Church regulations that are truly life-giving.

As is usually the case, the Response to the Psalm expresses well the message of the liturgy's readings: 'The just will live in the presence of the Lord'. As the Sermon on the Mount (Mt chapters 5 and 6) teaches us, we are truly the People of God if our life together gives expression to the ways of our Father in heaven. This is the standard against which we should evaluate the 'laws and customs' we draw up for the

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

Sacrament of Baptism

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	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Pam Vincent	Antonia Chandra
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Vince Whyte	Jim Kelly
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Kas Luczak, G Shankar	T & M Scanlan


Parish Calendar		
Aug Mon 30	8.00am	Communion Service (22nd Week in Ordinary time) Church
Tue 31	8.00am	Mass (22nd Week in Ordinary time) Church
Sept Wed 1	8.00am	Mass (22nd Week in Ordinary time) Church
Thu 2	8.00am	Mass (22nd Week in Ordinary time) Church
Fri 3	8.00am	Mass (St Gregory the Great) Church
Sat 4	8.00am	Mass (22nd Week in Ordinary time) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church
Sun 5	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year B) Church
	7.30am	Sunday Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year B) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year B) Church

2021 Sacraments

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office for an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments

First Holy Communion
9am Sunday, 12 September 2021

First Reconciliation
Saturday, 30 October 2021
Commitment Mass 6pm 11 Sept 2021



48-hour Rosary Bouquet

For Our Lady's Birthday
 6 pm Sunday 5 September to 6 pm Tuesday 7 September

Be a part of the bouquet. Please write your name against the time of your choice in the form provided in the foyer.

Line Dancing Classes

Mondays 10am - 12noon
 Wednesdays 10am - 12noon
 \$5 per session

All proceeds go to Manning Parish
 This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay
 All are welcome; no age limits!

St Pius X School

St Pius X School are currently interviewing for positions in Kindy 2023.

If you have a child that is due to commence Kindy in this year please contact the school office 9416 5600 to arrange an interview.




Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
 All parishioners are most welcome.
 For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224


Working Bee

Saturday, 4 September 2021

It is proposed to hold a working bee in the grounds and gardens around the church and presbytery on the morning of Saturday 4 September 2021 starting at 9.00 am, to prune the hibiscus, weed and fertilise gardens, remove bore water stains and undertake a number of other maintenance tasks around the grounds.



If you can help, please leave your name and phone number on the list in the foyer after mass and, on the day, bring along any gardening tools (eg forks, rakes, spades etc) you have available. All parishioners are encouraged to assist.




MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be held next Sunday 5th September after the 9.00am Mass.

Hosted by Margaret B, Beryl and Delys
 All are welcome

Invitation to Morning Reflection

Catholic Mission, in partnership with Catholic Outreach, invites parish volunteers involved in pastoral work to a free morning of reflection, networking and brunch at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary Street, Highgate on Thursday 2 September 2021, 9am-2pm. The presenter will be Hugh McKay whose talk and workshop will be live-streamed from Sydney.

How we can restore hope, build trust and inspire optimism'. Prior registration is essential. Please email or call Francis Leong at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au /9422 7933 to register or for more information.

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

'You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart



Jesus emphasises the purity that is in our hearts and the purity reflected by our actions. The people criticising him emphasise the appearance of purity and the cleansing rituals required by Law in order to avoid becoming 'ritually unclean'.

How much time, money, and energy is invested in cosmetics, hair products, fashionable clothing, and the like – just so we have the appearance of being popular and successful? Can any of these products actually make someone a better person? How so? What would Jesus say about our addiction to these products?

As a society and a culture, do you think we are more interested in actual success or in the appearance of success? What is your definition of success?

How much energy or effort goes into making ourselves better people? What opportunities are there for people to address what's on the inside of a person? What steps do you take (or can you take) to improve yourself from the inside out?

Next Sunday Readings

5th September 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary time

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

CHILDREN'S CORNER

